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COUNTRY

East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Mahlwinkel Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 10 to 13 November 1952

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DATE PREPARED 16 December 1952

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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1. Source made photographs of a portion of the construction plan for Mahl-winkel airfield. The photographs show temporary buildings, construction sheds and power lines.¹
2. The Soviet construction headquarters in Jerdor which was designated Teresh-chenko informed the Bauunion in Brandenburg that all construction machines and construction workers were to be withdrawn from Mahlwinkel airfield by 15 December 1952. Source believed that construction work at the field could be completed by this date. On 10 November, a total of 226 men were employed at the field. Construction work was supervised by Paul Klinge-berg who was scheduled to supervise construction work at Parchim airfield after completion of the installation in Mahlwinkel.
3. The landing strip was covered with an 8-cm layer of small cinders and the remainder of the airfield area was covered with a 5 cm layer of cinders. Since considerable difficulties were experienced with this earth obtained at Tangerhuetten, the Bauunion in Brandenburg submitted plans for the construc-tion of a concrete runway to the construction headquarters in Jerdor. How-ever, these plans were not approved. The Bauunion in Brandenburg ordered seeding tests to be made with this earth. When a large amount of water was applied to the earth, the grass seeds sprouted; when medium amounts of water were added, the sprouted grass turned yellow, withering completely when the earth was dry. Although the Bauunion Brandenburg considered these tests as unsatisfactory, the Russians were satisfied with them. Source did not know whether the Soviet construction headquarters intended to have a temporary runway of pierced steel planks constructed at the field. Trees within the approach lanes were cut, but otherwise these approach lanes were not being worked on in any other way.²

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1. Comment. The photographs made by source were not suitable for reproduction. For this reason, a ditto was made on the basis of the information furnished by source. For ditto, see Annex. For places and roads shown on the ditto, see

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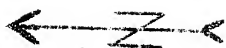
2. Comment. It has been determined that no runway will be built at the field. It remains to be seen whether the landing field will meet requirements.

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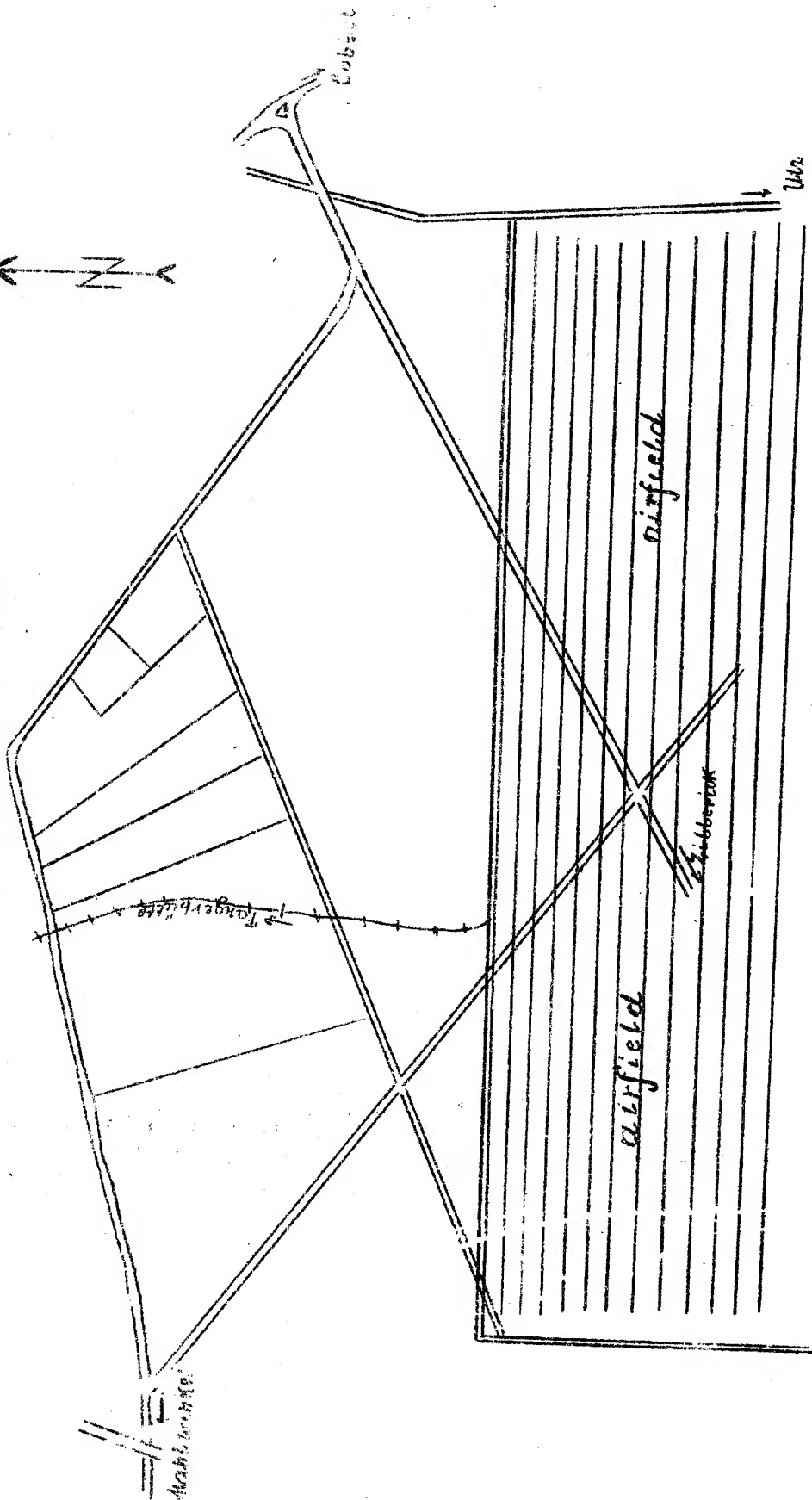
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Partial Plan of Hahlwinkel Airfield



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